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2000 Crop Disaster Program

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, included funding for the 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP). CDP assistance is available to farmers who suffered crop losses in the year 2000 due to natural disasters.

Farmers are eligible for compensation for 2000 crop losses directly attributed to adverse weather and related conditions.

Eligible Crops

CDP covers all crops as follows:

- Insured Crops -- Crops insured by either catastrophic (CAT) or buy-up (coverage of 50/100 or greater) crop insurance;
- Uninsured Crops -- Crops for which crop insurance was available but not purchased;
- Noninsurable Crops -- Crops for which crop insurance was not available.

Payment Calculation

Farmers will be compensated if their losses exceed 35 percent of historic yields. The payment formulas below provide greater benefits to producers who bought insurance on their eligible crops:

- Farmers with eligible losses to insured crops will be

compensated at 65 percent of crop insurance market price elections.

- Farmers with eligible losses to uninsured crops will be compensated at 60 percent of the crop insurance market price elections.
- Farmers with eligible losses to noninsurable crops will be compensated at 65 percent of the 5-year average price. Noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) area loss triggers do not apply.

Historic yields will be based on the higher of the 5-year National Agricultural Statistics Service county average yield, the crop insurance actual production history yield, or the NAP-approved yield.

Adjustments and Limits to Benefits

Unlike previous crop loss programs, the 2000 CDP payments will not be subject to a national proportion factor, meaning farmers will receive 100 percent of the approved payment. However, CDP benefits are limited to \$80,000 per person. No one with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more in the 1999 tax year is eligible.

Future Crop Insurance Coverage

As a condition of receiving benefits under CDP, any producer who

elected not to purchase crop insurance on a 2000 crop for which CDP benefits are requested must insure that crop for the 2001 and 2002 crop years. FSA offices have a list of crop insurance agents, or one can be found at www.rma.usda.gov under "Agent Locator."

When and Where to Apply

Signup began January 18, 2001, and ends January 18, 2002.

Further information is available at local FSA offices and USDA Service Centers. These are usually listed in telephone books under "United States Government, U.S. Department of Agriculture." Information is also available from FSA's Home Page at www.fsa.usda.gov

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